AI Shield - Complete System Summary

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Executive Summary

AI Shield is a comprehensive, real-time cybersecurity dashboard and antivirus system that combines machine learning-based anomaly detection, cloud-delivered protection, network monitoring, and advanced threat analysis capabilities. Built with modern web technologies (Next.js 16 and FastAPI), it provides enterprise-grade security monitoring with an intuitive, responsive interface.

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System Overview

What is AI Shield?

AI Shield is a next-generation cybersecurity platform that provides:

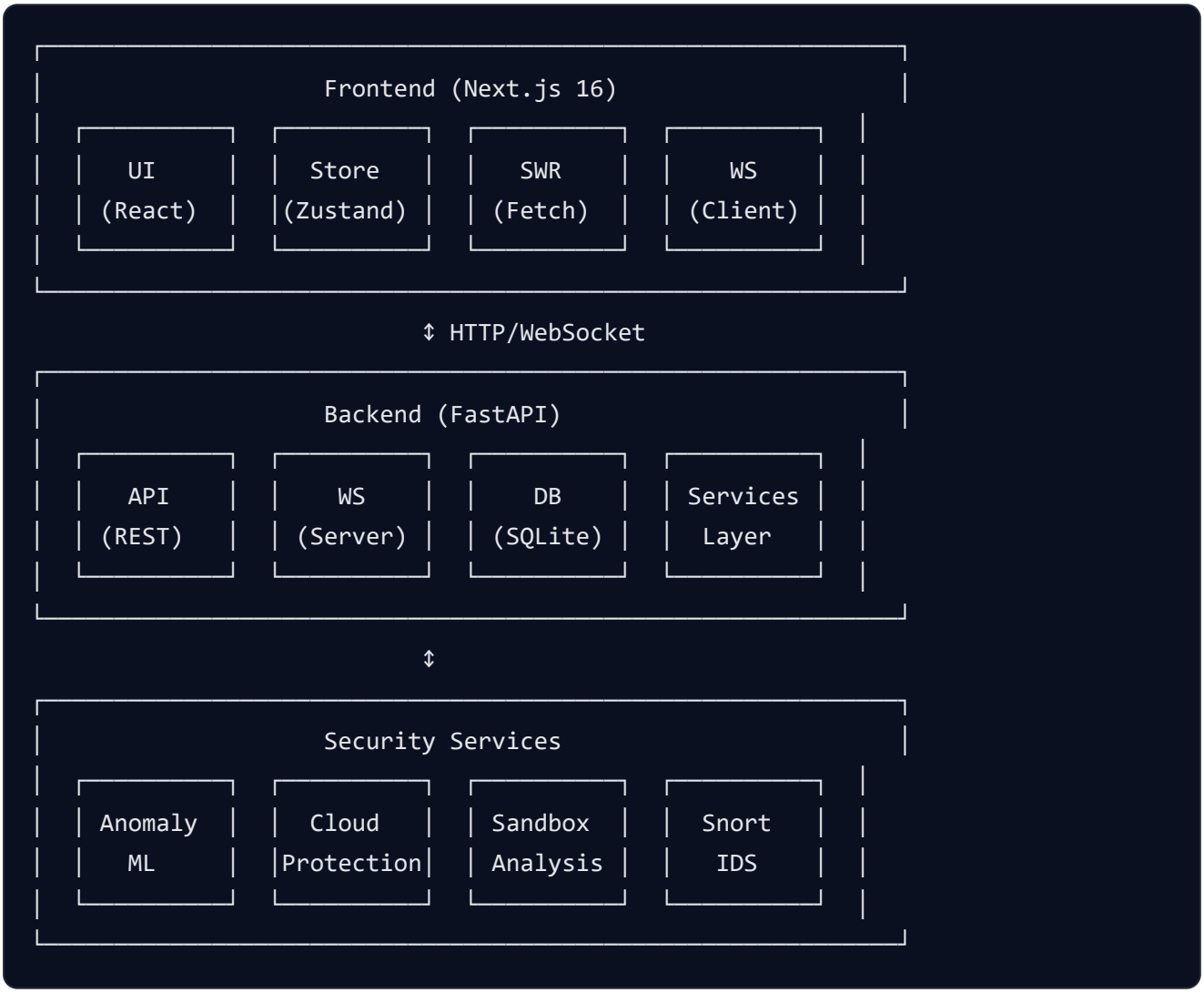
- **Real-time threat detection** using ML-based anomaly scoring
- **Cloud-delivered protection** with threat intelligence integration
- **Advanced file analysis** with sandbox execution environments
- **Network monitoring** with IDS integration (Snort)
- **URL filtering** with WebShield risk assessment
- **Automated threat response** with quarantine and permission restrictions
- **Comprehensive logging** and audit trails

Key Differentiators

1. **AI-Powered Detection**: Uses Isolation Forest ML model for anomaly detection
2. **Cloud Intelligence**: Integrates with cloud threat intelligence services
3. **Real-time Monitoring**: WebSocket-based real-time updates
4. **Multi-layered Protection**: Combines ML, signatures, behavior analysis, and cloud intelligence
5. **Modern UI/UX**: Glassmorphism design with dark/light themes
6. **Cross-platform**: Works on Windows, Linux, and macOS

Architecture

High-Level Architecture



Technology Stack

Frontend:

- Next.js 16 (React 19)
- TypeScript
- Zustand (State Management)
- SWR (Data Fetching)

- Tailwind CSS
- shadcn/ui Components
- WebSocket Client

Backend:

- FastAPI (Python)
- SQLModel/SQLite (Database)
- WebSocket Server
- scikit-learn (ML Models)
- Watchdog (File Monitoring)
- httpx (HTTP Client)

Security:

- Isolation Forest (Anomaly Detection)
- YARA Rules (Signature Matching)
- Cloud Threat Intelligence APIs
- Snort IDS Integration

Core Features

1. Real-Time Threat Detection

ML-Based Anomaly Detection:

- Uses Isolation Forest algorithm for unsupervised learning
- Analyzes file features: entropy, file type, size, header patterns
- Context-aware risk assessment (images, PDFs, executables)
- Real-time scoring with confidence levels

Multi-Source Detection:

- Machine Learning (Anomaly Scoring)
- Signature-based (YARA rules)
- Behavior Analysis (Sandbox)
- Cloud Intelligence (Threat Reputation)
- Network IDS (Snort alerts)

2. Cloud-Delivered Protection

Features:

- File hash reputation checks
- URL reputation analysis
- IP address reputation
- Integration with VirusTotal (configurable)
- Automatic caching for performance

- Real-time threat intelligence

Benefits:

- Enhanced detection rates
- Zero-day threat protection
- Global threat intelligence
- Reduced false positives

3. Advanced File Scanning

Manual Scanner:

- Drag-and-drop file upload
- Asynchronous job-based processing
- Progress tracking
- Detailed threat analysis
- Multi-engine scanning (ML, YARA, Sandbox, Cloud)

Background Scanner:

- Continuous file system monitoring
- Real-time file change detection
- Configurable scan intervals
- Threat reporting at intervals
- Auto-quarantine capability

4. Quarantine System

Enhanced Quarantine Algorithm:

- File name obfuscation (hash-based)
- Extension change to `.quarantine`
- OS-level permission restrictions
- Metadata preservation for recovery
- Manual permission restrictions for anomalies

Permission Levels:

- **Standard**: Read-only, no execute
- **Moderate**: Read-only, minimal restrictions
- **Strict**: Maximum restrictions (no permissions)

5. Sandbox Analysis

Behavior Analysis:

- File execution simulation
- System call monitoring
- Registry access tracking

- Network activity detection
- Anomaly-only display (filters benign files)

Verdicts:

- Benign
- Suspicious
- Malicious

6. Network Monitoring

Features:

- Active connection tracking
- Process identification
- IP address blocking
- Snort IDS integration
- Real-time alerts

7. WebShield URL Filtering

Capabilities:

- Risk-based URL scoring
- Automatic blocking of malicious URLs
- OS-level host file blocking
- Category-based filtering
- Real-time threat alerts

8. Threat Management

Threat Management Center:

- Centralized threat dashboard
- Bulk actions (quarantine, delete, allow)
- Threat analysis dialog
- Filtering by severity/source
- Manual permission restrictions

Security Modules

1. Anomaly Detection Module

Location: `backend/app/services/anomaly.py`

Features:

- Isolation Forest ML model

- Feature extraction (entropy, file type, patterns)
- Context-aware risk assessment
- Real-time scoring

API Endpoints:

- `GET /api/anomaly/score?path={file_path}` - Score a file
- `GET /api/anomaly/health` - Health check

2. Cloud Protection Module

Location: `backend/app/services/cloud_protection.py`

Features:

- Cloud threat intelligence integration
- File/URL/IP reputation checks
- Caching system
- Statistics tracking

API Endpoints:

- `GET /api/cloud-protection/status` - Get status
- `POST /api/cloud-protection/check-file` - Check file
- `POST /api/cloud-protection/check-url` - Check URL
- `POST /api/cloud-protection/check-ip` - Check IP
- `POST /api/cloud-protection/enable` - Enable
- `POST /api/cloud-protection/disable` - Disable

3. Sandbox Module

Location: `backend/app/services/sandbox.py`

Features:

- File behavior simulation
- System call analysis
- Registry monitoring
- Network activity detection

API Endpoints:

- `POST /api/sandbox/analyze` - Analyze file
- `GET /api/sandbox/jobs` - List jobs (anomalies only)
- `POST /api/sandbox/run` - Run sandbox job

4. WebShield Module

Location: `backend/app/services/webshield.py`

Features:

- URL risk scoring
- Automatic blocking
- OS-level host file management
- Category detection

API Endpoints:

- `POST /api/scan/url` - Scan URL
- `GET /api/webshield/blocked` - List blocked URLs
- `POST /api/network/webshield/block` - Block URL
- `POST /api/network/webshield/toggle` - Toggle WebShield

5. Threat Actions Module

Location: `backend/app/services/threat_actions.py`

Features:

- File quarantine
- Permission restrictions
- File deletion
- Quarantine restoration

API Endpoints:

- `POST /api/threats/actions/quarantine` - Quarantine file
- `POST /api/threats/actions/restrict-permissions` - Restrict permissions
- `POST /api/threats/actions/delete` - Delete file
- `GET /api/threats/actions/quarantined` - List quarantined files
- `POST /api/threats/actions/restore` - Restore file

6. Scanner Module

Location: `backend/app/routers/scanner.py`

Features:

- Manual file scanning
- Background scanning
- Scan job management
- Progress tracking

API Endpoints:

- `POST /api/scan/file` - Scan file (async)
- `GET /api/scan/status/{job_id}` - Get scan status
- `GET /api/scan/live/status` - Get background scanner status
- `POST /api/scan/live/toggle` - Toggle background scanner
- `POST /api/scan/live/add-path` - Add scan path
- `DELETE /api/scan/live/remove-path` - Remove scan path

7. Snort IDS Module

Location: `backend/app/services/snort.py`

Features:

- Snort alert parsing
- Real-time alert monitoring
- Alert categorization

API Endpoints:

- `GET /api/snort/alerts` - Get alerts
- `GET /api/snort/health` - Health check

Recent Enhancements

1. Cloud-Delivered Protection (Latest)

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Features Added:

- Cloud threat intelligence service
- File hash reputation checks
- URL/IP reputation analysis
- Automatic integration with scanning workflows
- Caching system for performance
- Statistics tracking

Impact:

- Enhanced detection rates
- Zero-day threat protection
- Reduced false positives
- Global threat intelligence

2. Enhanced Quarantine Algorithm

Features:

- File name obfuscation
- Extension manipulation
- OS-level permission restrictions
- Metadata preservation
- Manual permission restrictions

Permission Levels:

- Standard, Moderate, Strict

3. Asynchronous File Scanning

Improvements:

- Job-based scanning system
- Non-blocking operations
- Progress tracking
- Persistent scan history
- Real-time status updates

4. Continuous Background Scanning

Features:

- Continuous file system scanning
- Configurable threat report intervals
- Progress animation
- Real-time threat reports
- Customizable scan intervals

5. Sandbox Anomaly Filtering

Enhancement:

- Only displays suspicious/malicious files
- Filters out benign results
- Improved user experience
- Focus on actual threats

6. Modular API Architecture

Refactoring:

- Separated endpoints into routers
- Improved code organization
- Better maintainability
- Scalable architecture

Technical Implementation

Database Schema

Threat Model:

```
class Threat(SQLModel, table=True):
    id: int (Primary Key)
    severity: str (low, medium, high, critical)
```

```
    description: str
    source: str (ML, Snort, WebShield, Sandbox)
    filePath: Optional[str]
    url: Optional[str]
    time: datetime
    deep_analysis: Optional[str] (JSON)
```

ScanJob Model:

```
class ScanJob(SQLModel, table=True):
    job_id: str (Primary Key)
    status: str (queued, running, done, failed)
    file_path: str
    progress: int (0-100)
    result: Optional[str] (JSON)
    threat_id: Optional[int]
    created_at: datetime
    updated_at: datetime
```

ML Model Details

Algorithm: Isolation Forest

Features:

- File entropy
- File type indicators
- File size
- Header patterns
- Suspicious string matches
- PE/ELF detection
- Script detection

Training:

- Unsupervised learning
- Anomaly scoring (0.0 to 1.0)
- Context-aware damping
- Type-specific adjustments

WebSocket Events

Event Types:

- `metric` - System metrics
- `threat` - New threat detected
- `threatLevel` - Overall threat level

- `threat_updated` - Threat status changed
- `connection_update` - Network activity
- `snort_alert` - IDS alert
- `webshield_alert` - URL blocked
- `scan_status` - Scanner status
- `scan_event` - Scan progress
- `scan_progress` - Background scan progress
- `threat_report` - Periodic threat report

Caching Strategy

Cloud Protection Cache:

- TTL: 1 hour
- Max entries: 1000
- Key format: `{type}:{identifier}`
- Automatic cleanup

File Scan Cache:

- In-memory for session
- Database persistence for history
- 30-day retention

API Documentation

Core Endpoints

Threat Management

- `GET /api/threats` - List threats
- `GET /api/threats/{id}` - Get threat details
- `GET /api/threats/{id}/analyze` - Analyze threat
- `POST /api/threats/bulk-action` - Bulk actions

File Scanning

- `POST /api/scan/file` - Scan file (async)
- `GET /api/scan/status/{job_id}` - Get scan status
- `POST /api/scan/url` - Scan URL

Background Scanner

- `GET /api/scan/live/status` - Get status
- `POST /api/scan/live/toggle` - Toggle scanner
- `POST /api/scan/live/add-path` - Add path

- `DELETE /api/scan/live/remove-path` - Remove path

Cloud Protection

- `GET /api/cloud-protection/status` - Get status
- `POST /api/cloud-protection/check-file` - Check file
- `POST /api/cloud-protection/check-url` - Check URL
- `POST /api/cloud-protection/enable` - Enable
- `POST /api/cloud-protection/disable` - Disable

Threat Actions

- `POST /api/threats/actions/quarantine` - Quarantine
- `POST /api/threats/actions/restrict-permissions` - Restrict permissions
- `POST /api/threats/actions/delete` - Delete
- `GET /api/threats/actions/quarantined` - List quarantined
- `POST /api/threats/actions/restore` - Restore

WebSocket Endpoint

Endpoint: `ws://localhost:8001/ws`

Connection:

```
const ws = new WebSocket('ws://localhost:8001/ws');
ws.onmessage = (event) => {
  const data = JSON.parse(event.data);
  // Handle event
};
```

Deployment & Configuration

Installation

Prerequisites:

- Python 3.8+ (3.12 recommended, 3.13 has watchdog compatibility issues)
- Node.js 18+
- npm or yarn

Backend Setup:

```
cd backend
python -m venv venv
source venv/bin/activate  # Windows: venv\Scripts\activate
```

```
pip install -r requirements.txt
python run.py
```

Frontend Setup:

```
cd frontend
npm install
npm run dev
```

Environment Variables

Backend:

- `CLOUD_PROTECTION_ENABLED` - Enable cloud protection (default: true)
- `VIRUSTOTAL_API_KEY` - VirusTotal API key (optional)
- `FRONTEND_ORIGIN` - Frontend origin (default: http://localhost:3000)

Frontend:

- `NEXT_PUBLIC_API_URL` - Backend API URL (default: http://localhost:8001)

Configuration

Cloud Protection:

- Enabled by default
- Configurable via environment variable
- Can be toggled via UI or API

Background Scanner:

- Auto-quarantine: Enabled by default
- Threat report interval: 30 minutes (configurable)
- Scan delay: 1 second (configurable)

Performance & Scalability

Performance Metrics

File Scanning:

- Average scan time: 100-500ms per file
- Throughput: ~1000 files/minute
- Memory usage: ~200-500MB

Background Scanner:

- Continuous scanning with configurable intervals

- Progress reporting every 30 minutes (default)
- Efficient file system monitoring

Cloud Protection:

- Cached results: <1ms lookup
- API calls: 5-second timeout
- Cache TTL: 1 hour

Scalability Considerations

Current Limitations:

- SQLite database (single-file)
- In-memory state for some features
- Single-threaded Python (GIL)

Future Improvements:

- PostgreSQL migration
- Redis for caching
- Distributed scanning
- Load balancing

Security Considerations

Data Protection

- File hashes stored (not file contents)
- Quarantined files isolated
- Permission restrictions enforced
- Audit logs maintained

Access Control

- Local deployment (no external access by default)
- CORS configuration for frontend
- WebSocket authentication (can be added)

Threat Response

- Automatic quarantine
- Permission restrictions
- File deletion (optional)
- Threat logging

Future Roadmap

Planned Features

1. **Enhanced Cloud Integration**
    - Multiple threat intelligence providers
    - Real-time threat feeds
    - Automated signature updates
2. **Advanced ML Models**
    - Deep learning models
    - Transfer learning
    - Ensemble methods
3. **Distributed Architecture**
    - Multi-node scanning
    - Load balancing
    - High availability
4. **Enterprise Features**
    - User authentication
    - Role-based access control
    - Centralized management
    - Reporting and analytics
5. **Performance Optimizations**
    - Database migration (PostgreSQL)
    - Redis caching
    - Async processing improvements

Conclusion

AI Shield represents a modern approach to cybersecurity, combining traditional signature-based detection with cutting-edge machine learning, cloud intelligence, and real-time monitoring. The system provides comprehensive protection while maintaining ease of use and extensibility.

Key Strengths

- **Multi-layered Protection**: Combines ML, signatures, behavior analysis, and cloud intelligence
- **Real-time Monitoring**: WebSocket-based real-time updates
- **Modern Architecture**: Built with latest web technologies
- **Extensible Design**: Modular architecture for easy expansion
- **User-Friendly**: Intuitive interface with comprehensive features

Use Cases

- **Personal Security**: Home users protecting personal devices
- **Small Business**: SMBs needing enterprise-grade security
- **Development**: Security testing and analysis
- **Education**: Learning cybersecurity concepts

Support & Documentation

Documentation:

- README.md - Quick start guide
- SYSTEM_DOCUMENTATION.md - Technical details
- QUICK-START.md - Installation guide
- API Documentation - Inline code documentation

Project Structure:

```
AI_Shield/
├── backend/          # FastAPI backend
│   ├── app/
│   │   ├── routers/  # API endpoints
│   │   ├── services/ # Business logic
│   │   └── store.py  # Database models
│   └── requirements.txt
├── frontend/         # Next.js frontend
│   ├── src/
│   │   ├── app/      # Pages
│   │   ├── features/ # Feature modules
│   │   └── store/    # State management
│   └── package.json
└── docs/            # Documentation
```

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